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ST. PATRICK'S N.S. SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026

Fond Farewells

While we are all delighted to head off on our holidays, it is tinged with sadness as we say our fond farewells to Catherine Hynes, Fiona Walsh and Eileen O'Connell. All three have given huge service to the school.

Catherine has been a teacher here for 34 years giving lifelong service to the pupils of Bruree NS. In latter years, she was an excellent deputy principal who went above and beyond to help everyone in the school.

Fiona has been with us for 13 years starting out as a classroom teacher before moving into SEN. She showed great care and compassion for the all pupils in the school.

Eileen was one for the first SNAs to work in schools and has been with us for 24 years. Her patience and dedication to the children will be long remembered.

We would like to wish them a long and happy retirement and the very best wishes for the future.

Active Week 2026

We had another very successful Active Week here in Bruree NS. We took part in many different activities during the week including a fundamental movement skills session with Limerick GAA S&C coach Adrian O'Brien, basketball coaching with Hubert from Morning Star Basketball Club and coaching sessions with Lorraine, our GAA coach. Mr Reidy also ran our annual soccer blitz for pupils in 3rd to 6th class. This is always a very competitive event with some brilliant games. We finished our week with a Sports Day which was very well organised and run by our 6th class. Well done to all.

School Calendar 2026/2027

The school calendar has been updated for 2026/2027 and can be found on our school website at

<https://www.brureens.ie/parents/school-calendar/>

Our Aladdin app has also been updated with school closures for the year ahead. We return to school on 27th August 2026.

Motus Learning Transition Talk

Our 6th class had a presentation from Motus Learning all about their transition to secondary school. The pupils learned all out the power of having a positive mindset, of being resilient and how to develop friendships with new friends. It was a very valuable presentation which will help our pupils as they transition to 6th class

Primary Game

We were very lucky to have three of our pupils take part in the Primary Game this year. Tiernan McCarthy played in the Primary Game at HT v Clare back in May and Rachel Deane played at HT in the Munster Football game v Cork. Well done to Tiernan and Rachel. They really enjoyed a great experience.

School Tours

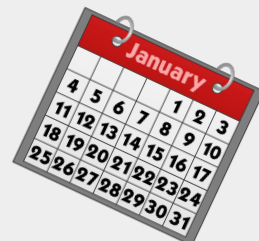
Our pupils had a fantastic time this term as they headed off on their school tours. Our Juniors/Seniors headed to Free Range Kids where they really enjoyed all the activities. 1st/2nd class had an action packed day in Mary Immaculate College where they took part in a number of land and water activities. Our 3rd to 6th classes had a super day in Ballyhass Lakes Adventure Centre - a real highlight of the school year. Our tours are always very enjoyable days and all the children had a great time.

Curious Minds

We collected another Curious Minds Gold Award this year for all our hard work promoting STEM in the school. Well done to all the pupils and teachers and in particular to Mrs. Murnane who completed our application on our behalf. .

Important Dates and Times

- [School Closes at 12.15pm on Tuesday 23rd June](#)
- 18th July- Please order your tracksuit top before this date to ensure delivery before the new school year.
- 27th August 2026- School reopens at 9.20am
- All important school dates can be found on the calendar section of the Aladdin app and on the school website.
<https://www.brureens.ie/parents/school-calendar/>



School Uniform

As parents are aware, our pupils wear a full tracksuit on a daily basis in the school.

The top can be ordered online from Boru Sports at <https://borusports.ie/product-category/club-shop/bruree-ns/> The tops can also be ordered by phone on 061-364750.

We will be in touch in late August with a collection morning for those tops that are being delivered in bulk to the school.

A generic navy tracksuit bottoms and a sky blue polo shirt are to be worn with the tracksuit top. These can be purchased from any retailer.

Boru Sports also provide crested school shorts and we prefer if pupils wear these shorts on warmer days.

Say Yes to Languages

Sixth Class pupils were introduced to the French language during Term 3. The 'Say Yes to Languages' module was facilitated by Ms Brosnan each Wednesday for 8 weeks. The pupils learned basic French phrases such as greetings, numbers, colours, days/months, as well as learning about French Culture, Geography and History. We ended our module with a wonderful French 'petit déjeuner' where pupils sampled croissants, brioches, crepes and so on. C'était super!



School Garden

We have had a very successful and productive year this year with our school garden. Again, all our classes took part in setting seeds in the polytunnel. We have also developed a number of flower beds.

This year some of our produce will on sale in our local Spar in Bruree. Please support if you can

Our Gardening Club has been a great success again this year under the guidance of Frances. The pupils involved have really enjoyed being involved in caring for our garden and have learned many valuable life skills.

Hot Meals School Programme

The Hot School Meals be provided for by Mint Catering for next year. The delivery of meals will begin for pupils on 31 August in seniors to 6th class. Junior infants pupils will begin receiving their meals on 7th September. We are looking forward to working with a new supplier next year. Details on how to register for their app will be distributed to parents in August.

Green Schools Committee

Our Green School Committee are busy working on the theme of water while also keeping a watchful eye on our litter and waste. Each member plays an active role in monitoring water usage, waste management and litter control in our school. We had a very successful Team Limerick Clean Up TLC event in March.

New Astro

We are really enjoying using the new community Astro facility to the rear of the school in recent months. It has been a huge addition to our school facilities and we have had some great PE lessons, coaching sessions and lunch times out there in Term 3.

Music Teacher

We have had a great year working with our music teacher Joan Slattery. Our pupils have really enjoyed her lessons each Wednesday. These lessons will continue next year. Joan has also been a great help with preparing our school choir to sing at Communion and Confirmation and at our Graduation Ceremony

Parent Association

We would really like to thank our Parents Association who have worked really hard on behalf of the school and all our pupils this year. They ran a number of very successful fundraising events during the year as well as helping out with school ceremonies and our graduation ceremony for 6th class. We would also like to thank them again for their contribution towards the cost of buses for our school tour to Ballyhass Lakes. It was very much appreciated by all.

New Infants

We were delighted to welcome our infants for 2026/2027 to the school on the 27th May. They made a great impression on their first day and we are looking forward to welcoming 13 new pupils to our school when we return.

Best of Luck

Best of luck to Mr. Reidy and the Limerick Senior hurlers for the rest of the summer as they continue to provide us with great entertainment. We are really looking forward to their upcoming All Ireland Semi Final. Luimneach Abú.

GAA Season

We have had another very successful season this year on the GAA front. Our 3rd/4th class boys and girls had a brilliant day in Bruff at the Joan O'Connor Tournament.

Two teams from Bruree NS took part in the competition with one of our teams winning the tournament out. A fantastic achievement and it was great to retain the cup for a second year. Well done to all and to Mrs. Murnane, Ms English and Frances for looking after the teams on the day.

Our girls camogie team had a super year winning the South Premier Division Final beating Bruff NS before qualifying through to play Monaleen NS in the county final.

It was a super achievement to reach the final. Well done to all our girls.

Our boys hurling team qualified for the South Final where they lost out narrowly to a very good Bruff NS team. Thanks to all the players and to Mr. Reidy, Ms English and Frances for their efforts over the year.

Lorraine Grady

We would like to thank Lorraine Grady, our GAA coach, for all her great work in Term 2 and Term 3. All the pupils really enjoyed her sessions. It is great for our pupils to have access to regular coaching. Best of luck back in U.L. Lorraine and we hope to see you again in the future. We hope to have a coach in place again for 2026/2027.

School Instagram

All our school photographs and videos can now be found on our new Instagram account @brureens. It is well worth a follow to keep up to date with all that is happening on a daily basis in the school and to catch up on some great moments from Term 3.

Mobile Pet Farm

We had a lovely visit from Cleary's Mobile Pet Farm to all the school on June 3rd. The children really enjoyed coming out to see the pigs, chickens, calves and all the various other small animals. It really was one of the most enjoyable days of the school year for all our pupils from juniors to 6th class.

We would like to thank Catherine Hynes for organising the farm visit for the school. It was a great day.

6th Class 2026

On behalf of everyone in our school community, I would like to wish our 6th class the very best of luck as they continue on with their education at second level. The class contributed hugely to school life here in Bruree NS over the past eight years. We were delighted to celebrate their achievements at a Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 17th June. We are looking forward to hearing great things about them as they move through second level and look forward to welcoming some pupils back as TY students and maybe as teachers in the future. Best of luck to all!!!

Primary Book Scheme

The Free Primary School Books Scheme continues for the 2026/2027 school year. All school books, workbooks and copy books will be provided by the school when the pupils return. Stationery lists have been distributed to pupils and are available on the school website here- <https://www.brureens.ie/parents/book-lists/>



Happy Summer

On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and enjoyable summer holidays. We have had a very busy Term 3 and everyone is very deserving of their break.

Thanks to all our pupils for their great efforts and enthusiasm, our parents for their support and our staff for their hard work and dedication during the year. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound on 27th August.

Happy summer,

Handwritten signature of G. Kelleher